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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION BANGKOK FROM CHIANG MAI, 22 OCT 73,
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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IN LAMPHUN

REF: CHIANG MAI 371

1. LAMPHUN DEPUTY GOVERNOR TELLS US HE BELIEVES TWO EX-MPS
FROM LAMPHUN WERE BEHIND OCTOBER 19 DEMONSTRATION (REFTEL) AS
"THIRD HAND." DEPUTY GOVERNOR CLAIMS POLITICIANS SEIZED ON
STUDENT GRIEVANCE FOR OWN ENDS. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY INTENDED TO
STAGE DEMONSTRATION ON OCTOBER 23 TO PROTEST GOVENOR'S DECISION
NOT TO ALLOW THEM TO USE SCHOOL BUSES TO ATTEND MEMORIAL CEREMONY
IN CHIANG MAI FOR DEAD BANGKOK STUDENTS HELD OCTOBER 15.

ACCORDING TO DEPUTY GOVERNOR, THE TWO LAMPHUN EX-MPS - CHAIWAT

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DEMONSTRATION AND MANIPULATION OF STUDENTS.

2. DEPUTY GOVERNOR ALSO STATED STUDENTS MIGHT BE USED TO COUNTER-DEMONSTRATE AGAINST CHAIWAT, WHO IS CURRENTLY LAMPHUN LORD MAYOR.

3. COMMENT: BANGKOK STUDENT SUCCESS OBVIOUSLY TEMPTING NEW WEAPON FOR POLITICAL WARFARE. DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT POLITICIANS HERE COULD SUCCESSFULLY ORGANIZE STUDENTS AS PRIVATE ARMIES.

LAMPHUN GOVERNOR DOES HAVE REPUTATION FOR BEING INEFFECTIVE, ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE HAD CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THANOM GOVERNMENT. LIKELY THEN THAT STUDENT GRIEVANCE EXISTED AND THAT AS DEMONSTRATION GREW VARIOUS FACTIONS ATTEMPTED CASH IN ON STUDENTS' SHOW OF POWER - A PHENOMENA WHICH COULD BE REPEATED IN FUTURE.

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